

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

The Unrendered and the Unknown Rolls Are Approved.

THE \$300,000 SEWER BOND ORDINANCE

Is Passed Under a Suspension of the Rules—The Council Will Meet Again Wednesday.

The city council met yesterday in regular session.

Mayor Brashers having returned from Mineral Wells presided and all the aldermen were present except Rosenthal, Cortes and Bennett.

After the approval of the minutes the following petitions were read and disposed of:

PETITIONS.

From W. M. Baker, for correction of assessment on property in block 15, Parker Smith addition. Referred to finance committee.

From D. Donnelly, for correction of assessment on property in B. Richie addition. Referred to finance committee.

From E. J. Henniger, for correction of assessment on property in block 405, south side Buffalo bayou. Referred to finance committee.

From Mrs. Ida Bonn and husband, for correction of assessment on property in John Austin survey. Referred to finance committee.

From H. Westheimer, for correction of double assessment. Referred to assessor and collector with power to act.

From James F. Dumble, for annulment of judgment on tax suit where taxes have already been paid. Referred to finance committee.

From J. F. Kessler, for refunding of taxes erroneously paid. Referred to finance committee.

From W. L. Foley, asking a hearing before the appraisal committee, claiming that the assessment of \$50,000 on his stock is excessive. Ruled out of order.

From Mrs. W. P. Priebe, for permission to erect a frame building in the fire limits. Referred to fire committee.

From J. M. Robinson, the blind newspaper seller, asking permission to place a stand corner of Fannin and Preston. Referred to fire committee with power to act.

From J. B. Farley, for permission to place a bulletin board on lot 4, block 403, Washington street. Referred to fire committee.

From C. J. Collins, G. E. Collins and H. A. Collins of San Antonio, for correction of error in assessment. Referred to assessor and collector.

From H. F. Ruppel, for reduction of assessment. Ruled out of order.

From Isiah Wood, asking for correction of assessment. Referred to finance committee.

From citizens of Third ward, asking that weeds be cut along streets and bridges. Referred to finance committee.

From S. E. Simms, for reduction of assessment. Referred to finance committee.

From Mrs. M. W. Johnson, for correction of error in assessment on property owned by Mrs. Fannie Wood. Referred to finance committee.

From E. A. Wyler and others, asking for removal of one of the city guards, Frank Clark, at the detention camp. Referred to police committee.

REPORTS.

The finance committee, on petition of Lavina Nelson, recommended that assessor and collector separate property equally as prayed for. Adopted.

On petition of Mrs. E. T. Plant, the finance committee recommended that petition be granted and double assessment eliminated. Adopted.

The finance committee reported favorably on the petition of J. P. Wilson for correction of assessment, likewise upon the petition of Adam Clay for separation. Reports adopted.

The finance committee reported on the petition of Annie Brooks, recommending that the assessment on her property be changed and that the assessment on the improvements be fixed at \$50. Referred to board of appraisal.

The finance committee, on petition of Louis Barber, recommended that the petition be granted and that her assessment for 1898 be fixed at same figure as for the present year. Adopted.

The finance committee, on petition of Mrs. E. H. Hay, recommended that separation of property be made as prayed for and that assessment be changed from \$8000 to \$7000. Adopted.

Alderman Heiser referred to the difficulty of getting at correct assessment where only parts of lots were rendered without specifying how many feet the fractional part contained, and on his motion the matter was referred to the attorney to prepare an ordinance in reference to such assessments, requiring property owners to specify their holdings in feet where parts of lots are rendered for assessment.

The finance committee, on petition of Houston Light, recommended that the petition be granted as to taxes for 1899, 1891 and 1892 if the balance be paid within thirty days. Adopted.

The hospital committee returned the report of the scavenger for July approved. Adopted.

The board of appraisal, on the petition of John Flanagan, reported that the assessment is equitable and just. Adopted.

On petition of J. B. Kelley, the board of appraisal reported that the value of the lot described in petition be placed at \$600. Adopted.

On the petition of John Achenbach the board recommended that value of two lots be fixed at \$10,000. Adopted.

On petition of Mrs. E. W. Auerbach, the board recommended that value of improvements be placed at \$100. Adopted.

On petition of J. B. Bryant, board reports that assessment is equitable and just. Adopted.

On petition of Mrs. H. Botter, the board recommended that assessment be fixed at \$1500. Adopted.

The board of appraisal recommended that the assessment of McClelland & Co. on stock be placed at \$1500. Adopted.

On petition of G. F. K. the board recommended that the value of the property be placed at \$10,000. Adopted.

The board of appraisal reported that the unrendered and unknown rolls had been completed by them, showing the total valuation on those rolls to be: On unrendered, \$2,815,353; on unknown roll, \$908,320; taxes on unrendered roll, \$56,307.10; unknown, \$18,166.40. Adopted.

On petition of J. B. Perkins, the street and bridge committee reported, recommending that the engineer make estimate of cost of grading Brazos street between Rusk and Dallas. Adopted.

The street and bridge committee, on petition of citizens of Fifth ward, recommended that the La Porte railway be required to remove obstruction at the corner of Barron and Sydney streets, in the Fifth ward, at once. Adopted.

On petition of Julius Glaser, complaining

of damage done his property on Crockett street, the street and bridge committee recommended that the matter be referred to the engineer for investigation. Adopted.

The street and bridge committee reported with their approval the report of the street commissioner for July. Adopted.

On petition of the city health officer, Dr. Massee, for better drainage on Brazos street between Rusk and Walker, the street and bridge committee reported, recommending that the engineer make estimate of cost. Adopted.

The ordinance committee reported a substitute ordinance for the one providing for the issuance of \$300,000 in bonds for sewer purposes, the only change in the substitute being that the bonds are to be dated September 15, 1899, with semi-annual interest, payable on the 15th of March and the 15th of September of each year. The tax levy to meet these bonds is fixed at nine-one hundredths of 1 per cent. The ordinance was passed under a suspension of the rules.

NEW BUSINESS.

By Alderman Robinson, a motion that the street commissioner be instructed to place a ditch and bridge on Holly and Crockett streets. Referred to street and bridge committee.

By Alderman Robinson, a motion that a four-foot sewer be placed across Montgomery avenue on Hogan street before the paving is done.

Alderman Aubertin objected to the alderman of the First ward coming into his district. He was amply able to look after Hogan street and had a half dozen motions or more now before the council upon that subject.

The motion was finally referred to the finance committee.

By Alderman Sonnen, a motion that the health officer be instructed to have the dead trees and rubbish obstructing the bayou on west side of Franklin street bridge removed at once. Carried.

By Alderman Sonnen, a motion that the city attorney be instructed to bring suit against the Burton heirs for possession and opening of Dart street from Houston avenue to Park street, which was previously given the city. Carried.

By Alderman Halverson, a motion that the mayor be authorized to have a building constructed over the crematory, also to purchase the tool house there for \$25. Carried.

Alderman Halverson and Aubertin, motion that the mayor contract for the building of a second crematory as soon as funds are available for that purpose and that the new crematory be located at the corner of San Felipe and Sherman streets. Carried.

By Alderman Sonnen, a motion that a new plank crossing be placed at Silver and Decatur streets. Carried.

By Alderman Sonnen, a motion that the sidewalks on Winder street and Houston avenue be filled with the excavations now being taken from Houston avenue. Carried.

The mayor announced that the council at this meeting should pass an ordinance creating the department of the city, as provided by the state law, but that no ordinance had yet been prepared.

Assistant City Attorney Lookett announced that the ordinance would be ready by Wednesday and the council adjourned Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock to take it up.

CITY BRIEFS.

The usual weekly summer night concert will take place tonight at Turner hall.

The remains of Jacob Rosenstrauch of Velasco are expected to arrive in this city this morning, being brought here for interment.

J. E. Townsend, who was an old Confederate soldier, died Saturday at Allen street and was buried Sunday in the neighborhood cemetery.

The adjourned meeting of the Houston Labor Council will be held this evening to complete all arrangements for the Labor Day celebration.

Mr. O. H. Brown received a telegram yesterday announcing the death at El Campo of Roy Brown, son of H. C. Brown and a nephew of O. H. Brown.

William Dechner, about 50 years of age, died yesterday at St. Joseph's infirmary. It is said that he had been in the hospital for some time.

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George L. Frost of San Antonio was visitor at the Cotton Exchange yesterday.

John Bonner, representing the Joe W. Davis Oil company, and known as "Goat Oil" because he went up to Dallas last night.

Mrs. Charles Wyler left yesterday for her home in San Antonio, accompanied by her sister, Mary Hutchinson, whose guest she was while in the city.

W. E. Fitzgerald, formerly chief clerk in the auditor's office of the Houston and Texas Central, now in the cattle business in Uvalde county, is here on a visit.

Mr. Sam Park, a well known lumberman, was in Houston yesterday on route to his home in Beaumont after a trip to Monterey and other points in Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Baker have returned from a tour to Mexico, which they made as members of the International and Great Northern's merchants' excursion party.

Joe Mather, representing the Indiana Briggs cotton gin, arrived from New Orleans yesterday. He had just returned from North Texas, where the mercury registered from 105 to 108.

A boy named Reddick, whose parents live on Hutchins street, between Franklin and Congress, was badly hurt Sunday by falling from a horse. The animal stepped upon his bare foot, mauling, inflicting, it is thought, internal injuries.

Miss Carrie Hubner, sister of Charlie Hubner, secretary to Manager Van Vleck of the Houston street car line, from New Orleans last night to visit her brother. Miss Hubner will be the guest of Mrs. John Powers.

Commissioner Jack Kennedy returned yesterday from attending the National convention of fire chiefs at Syracuse, N. Y. He says that while he was there he was able to turn the next National convention over to the Houston fire department.

But as the convention has since adjourned and nothing has been decided, it is probable that it will be held in Houston.

A very short crop is predicted.

Colonel Giddings is one of the leading bankers of the Brazos valley and is in a position to know as much about crop conditions in that section as perhaps any man in Texas.

He was in the office of J. D. Rogers & Co. this afternoon when a Post reporter asked him for a statement of the cotton situation in Washington county.

"Conditions are very bad now," said he. "Cotton has deteriorated very much in the last ten days. I think one-half of the upland cotton is already dead, stalks and all. I never before saw so much dead cotton."

"We estimate that of the upland cotton at least 25 per cent was washed out by the flood. Since then the drought has killed 25 per cent more of this upland cotton. The secure of the flood water left the cotton bare, and the cotton of this upland cotton is lost beyond redemption."

Colonel Rogers called particular attention to this statement because at the time of the flood it was alleged that the heavy rains would benefit upland cotton, but now it is lost beyond redemption.

Colonel Giddings was asked:

"All our bottom lands were flooded. We had more than twenty inches of rain," he replied. "Creeks were swollen as high as the levees. The cotton in the bottom was killed. Very little of it has been replanted. What little was replanted in the bottoms is now suffering for rain. Colonel Rogers can tell you more about that."

"It is experienced," said Colonel Rogers, "I am the only planter in my neighborhood who replanted cotton after the flood. There is not much to show for it."

"As compared with last year's crop of a crop do you expect Washington county to make a crop?"

"The loss," said Colonel Giddings, "will be 66-2-3 per cent."

"Are your farmers inclined or are they able to hold their cotton?" the reporter asked.

"Our farmers are as able to hold as any in the country," the colonel replied. "They are principally Germans and Bohemians. They are marketing their cotton now. Cotton has sold in Brenham at 6-1-4 and some as high as 6-1-8 and 6-1-4. I think the tendency will be to hold after they have sold enough to relieve their present wants. It is only lately that there has been a general realization that the crop is short."

"Their right on the market, but the Germans can hold it if they want to."

Colonel Giddings returns to Brenham tonight.

PAISE FOR LIEUT. EDMONDS.

Lieutenant S. P. Edmonds, U. S. C. S., executive officer of the United States revenue cutter Galveston, has been, or rather will be, the recipient of a rare compliment from the secretary of the treasury as a result of his labors in behalf of the flood sufferers of the Brazos valley.

The heroic conduct of Lieutenant Edmonds was reported to Secretary Gage and the secretary sent him a letter commending his conduct, which is to be read by Captain Blake, commanding the Galveston, in the presence of Lieutenant Edmonds.

The text of the letter was telegraphed to the press from Washington, and was published in The Post this morning. The letter reads in part as follows:

"I am glad to hear that you are to be made a member of the order of the Maltese cross. While Mr. Edmonds did not say so, such compliments are rather rare in the service and are well deserved. It is supposed that when the letter reaches Captain Blake he will order a general muster of the crew of the Galveston and read it to them. Just when the ceremony will take place cannot be told yet."

Lieutenant Edmonds is a Missourian, having been sent to the United States naval academy at Annapolis in 1883 by Governor Morgan of Missouri.

He was a member of the Chicago firm of J. O. & Co. in Galveston. The case is being bitterly contested and all of Galveston Chinatown is stirred up over it.

DEADLOCK CONTINUES.

The council met tonight and went through the old game of balloting for city officers. The deadlock still on as no one could be elected.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Tremont: Wm. H. Atwell, Dallas; H. B. Green, Chicago; Henry Bloom, Sidney, Ohio; Charles L. Strong, Cidney, Kansas; I. T. Lim, New York; W. H. Ford, Beaumont; Frank Kline, New York; H. P. John, St. Louis; Wm. Anderson, Shreveport, La.; C. W. Adams, Marlin.

NECROLOGICAL.

WOODS.—Burkeville, Texas, August 23. Dr. Jared G. Woods, aged 23, died at his father's, about six miles from here, last night of typhoid fever.

FINK.—Lexington, Texas, August 23. Mr. John Fink, a prosperous German farmer of this community, died on Saturday night of typhoid fever. He leaves a wife and several small children.

JORDAN.—Caldwell, Texas, August 23. Last Saturday night Mrs. E. P. Jordan of this place died after a lingering illness. The funeral took place at the old family graveyard about five miles east of Merle.

MONROE.—Temple, Texas, August 23. The funeral of Mrs. Frank Monroe was held yesterday afternoon at the city cemetery. Mrs. Monroe died Saturday after an illness of three weeks, having an infant of that age.

WATSON.—Burkeville, Texas, August 23. Mrs. Francis Watson, wife of T. W. Watson, who lives about six miles from this place, died at Leesville, La., yesterday of typhoid fever. She was visiting at that place when taken sick. She leaves a husband and three children.

SILLMAN.—Caldwell, Texas, August 23. This morning at 3:30 o'clock Mrs. W. B. Sillman, aged 36 years, died after a lingering illness. The funeral will take place this evening at 6 o'clock at the Masonic cemetery, leaving a husband and daughter to mourn her loss.

STANLEY.—Beville, Texas, August 23. Mrs. L. P. Stanley, wife of a prosperous truck grower and farmer living three miles east of this city, died Saturday evening after a lingering illness of two months. Besides a devoted husband she

leaves three small children to mourn the loss of a mother's love.

WILSON.—San Angelo, Texas, August 23. Charles D. Wilson, one of the pioneers who came here in 1876, died Monday at the age of 52. The funeral was on Tuesday, in charge of the Knights of Pythias. Deceased was a native of Maryland and a member of company C, Sixth Ohio cavalry, during the civil war.

HARRIS.—Gonzales, Texas, August 23. News of the death of W. P. Harris at Luling reached here this morning. Mr. Harris was one of the board of examiners for this county and was here on the 18th of this month in that capacity. He had a great many warm friends here who will hear of his death with sorrow.

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